

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether two Inspectors can cope with the work satisfactorily?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes Sir.

Transport Service between Kottayam and Alwaye.

33. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport Department intends to assume the Kottayam-Alwaye Line; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the approximate date?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) Not at present.

(b) Does not arise in view to answer to part (a).

Feeder trips to the Alwaye-Kottayam Express Service.

34. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Transport has made any arrangement or agreement with the N. T. M. Union Ltd., Parur, regarding feeder trips to the Alwaye-Kottayam Express Service; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement or the mode of arrangement made regarding these trips?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: The answer to part (a) of my question is 'No.' May I know from the honourable member whether Government have made any arrangements with any other union for running a service between Alwaye and Kottayam?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Absolutely no arrangement.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Director of Transport had any talks with any Union with regard to the orders relating to this?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I am not aware of any talk between the Director of Transport and any Union.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: It is not a question of this particular member's not being aware of such talks.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Government are not aware of such talks.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the N. T. M. Union are getting four buses for these feeder trips?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Government are not aware of that either.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (Nominated): കോട്ടയത്തു നിന്നും പറവൂരേക്കു ഇപ്പോൾ എത്ര എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സുകൾ ഓടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I claim notice. I have no information just at the moment.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ആലുവാ-കോട്ടയം എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സ് പാവുരിൽ വന്നാൽ അവിടെ എത്ര മിനിട്ട് താമസിക്കുമെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I am sorry I have no information.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സ് പാവുരിൽ കുറച്ചു സമയമെങ്കിലും താമസിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു നിഷ്കർഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I must ascertain. I shall inform the member later.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഒരു മിനിട്ടുപോലും എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സ് പാവുരിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നും എൻ. ടി. എസ്. യൂണിയൻകാരുമായി യോജിച്ചാണ് എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് സർവീസ് നടത്തുന്നതെന്നും അറിയാമോ ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : No representation has been received by Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know whether the inability of the member to answer such questions is due to the fact that the Director of Transport is not at the spot today ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Not exactly so. He has not taken permission of Government to enter into any arrangement with any concern.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether the Director of Transport would have been able to give the answer if he had been here ?

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The Director of Transport has been sent by Government to Calcutta to purchase about 100 vehicles which are being disposed of immediately from the British and American surpluses. We hope to increase the number of lorries and buses in our services. As the Government of India are disposing of them urgently, he has been sent to make arrangements.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when the Director went to Calcutta ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI : Supplementary questions must arise only out of the question tabled. This question is out of order.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : The Dewan-President stated that the Director went to Calcutta on an urgent business.....

PRESIDENT : Order, order. No question arises out of the President's statements. The honourable member has sufficient experience as a member of the Legislature to know that.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether he will be returning sufficiently early to enable him to answer our question ?

PRESIDENT : I am not prepared to answer that.

Transport Vehicles.

35. *SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the State Motor Transport Vehicles are exempted from the provisions of the Travancore Motor Vehicles Act?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No; except in respect of sections 40 (1), 61 and 89.

Shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur.

36. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Transport has received any representation regarding the running of a shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) Yes.

(b) The number of shuttle services (Express) was increased.

State Transport Buses.

37. *MR. J. T. MORAIS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many buses have been newly put on the line by the State Transport Department in 1121; and

(b) what is the total number of buses now running on the routes taken up by the State Transport Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) 32.

(b) 131.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: With reference to part (b) of the answer, may I know whether the Government consider that this number is sufficient for operating the services?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That is why we have ordered for more.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know for how many more the Government have placed orders?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: We are trying to get as many as we can get.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know whether Government have any idea of the number necessary to operate on these lines?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No, but we are trying to get as many as we can.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know whether they know the number necessary now?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: For the lines already taken up? About 100 more.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then are we to understand that the lines were taken up before proper estimates of the required number were prepared?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: We estimated correctly, but we were not able to get the number required.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Why did the Government take up those lines when they had not the number of vehicles necessary to operate on them?